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In re Application of :
Pun Choon Ong :
Application No. 10/708,559 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: March 11, 2004 :
Attorney Docket No. 112075 :

This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed April 4, 2007, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The application became abandoned for failure to timely reply within the meaning of 37 CFR 1.113 to the final Office action, mailed September 28, 2006, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extensions of time were obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). Accordingly, the application became abandoned on December 29, 2006. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on March 20, 2007.

The petition satisfies the requirements of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the required reply in the form of a request for continued examination, \$395 filing fee, and submission as required by 37 CFR 1.114 (copy of amendment filed on December 19, 2006), (2) the petition fee of \$750, and (3) a proper statement of unintentional delay. Accordingly, the failure to timely reply to the final Office action of September 27, 2006 is accepted as being unintentionally delayed.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. See In re Application of S, 8 USPQ2d 1630; 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$510 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on April 4, 2007 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account in due course.

This application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3725 for processing the request for continued examination and for

appropriate action in the normal course of business on the submission under 37 CFR 1.114.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3218.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Frances Hicks", is written over the printed name.

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